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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-131

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Alan D. Moore, Director  
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**DATE:** July 30, 2010

**SUBJECT:** 2010 PAWS Results

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will report raw and scale scores, as well as performance levels in reading, writing, math, and science for the 2010 PAWS. WDE has previously requested, and will continue to pursue, a waiver from using these results to make 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations. The results are being provided in order to provide districts with the greatest possible array of information. Each district will be asked to analyze the results to determine the value this information will have in developing school improvement plans. Because of the administration difficulties this year, scores will not be available until late September or early October.

Problems encountered during the 2010 PAWS administration prompted 30 school districts to ask WDE to seek a waiver from using these results in accountability determinations. That continues to be the WDE intention.

Each district will be expected to come to its own conclusions about the impact the problems had on individual students. PAWS results are always expected to be one of many student results used to inform teaching and learning within a school. This year is no exception.

Wyoming is still required to make an AYP determination for high schools based on graduation rates. 2009 determinations will hold for all other schools.

As information becomes available about scores and reporting timelines, it will be shared with Wyoming school districts.

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